

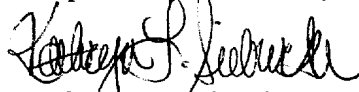
**REMARKS**

The claims are 1-8, 11-23, 27-30 and 39. Claims 9, 10, 24-26 and 31-33 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7 and 18 have been amended to correct formal matters. Claim 21 has been amended to cancel a redundant term. Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled claim 25. No new matter has been added.

Claims 7, 18 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and claims 26-28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and respectfully submit that the cancellation of claims 25 and 26 and the amendment of claims 7, 18, 27 and 28 renders moot the Examiner's objections in this case.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any remaining objections or concerns, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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